

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 264 – HB 966

March 12, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires students to be suspended for assaulting a teacher, principal, school bus driver, or other school personnel with vulgar, threatening, or obscene language, or for violence or threatened violence against such personnel, upon the conclusion of an investigation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401(c).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004373): Delete all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a student to be suspended for intentionally or knowingly causing physical contact with any personnel attending or assigned to a public school that could be regarded as extremely offensive or provocative or threatened violence against such personnel at any time, on or away from school property. Authorizes a student to be suspended for using vulgar, obscene, or threatening language toward a principal, teacher, school bus driver, or other personnel at any time, on or away from school property. Requires suspension for knowingly or recklessly causing injury to a principal, teacher, school bus driver or any school personnel, at any time, on or away from school property. Any suspensions may begin after the conclusion of an investigation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401(c). Prohibits readmission to the school following the suspension period, unless the student's parent or legal guardian meets with the principal or their designee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- All local education agencies currently have behavior and discipline policies for all grades. Any fiscal impact to local governments as a result of adding these requirements to existing policies is estimated to be not significant.

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- Any increase in the number of teachers or other personnel at alternative schools or programs is estimated to be not significant. Any increase in local government expenditures will be not significant

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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